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Dear Red:

As I told you personally, I deeply regret that you are retiring from active Government service. Persons of your caliber are too rare and too hard to replace. I have always enjoyed working with you and have always felt that we were working on matters of mutual concern, as you stated.

Your leaving will make a void, and only time will tell if the CIA can come up with an adequate replacement. I know and the Chairman knows that when Red White says something you can depend on it. It will take any new man, no matter how able he may be, years to achieve this position.

My best to you always.

Sincerely,

Ralph Preston

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